

# Mary Cameron Dixon Bellamy

[Forwarding on behalf of Joann Mount]

Dear Colleagues in FLL and CFFLC:

Today's STAR NEWS, page 4B (see also <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/starnewsonline/obituary.aspx?n=mary-cameron-dixon-bellamy&pid=144340157>) gives the following obituary for Mary Bellamy, a leader in FL teaching at UNCW and in NC. Mary was a colleague of ours in FLL for many years and was one of the original faculty members of Wilmington College (UNCW). She prepared scores of Spanish and French majors for teacher licensure; many are still active in our region and around the state. Mary established the Helena Cheek Scholarship to honor another FL colleague and has been the primary contributor to this scholarship for many years. Mary was also an early leader in FLANC, serving as president. Those of us who worked with Mary remember her as a caring colleague and teacher who made significant professional and personal contributions to educational endeavors.

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## MARY CAMERON DIXON BELLAMY

Mary Cameron Dixon Bellamy died Tuesday, July 27, 2010, after a long illness. She was born in Wilmington, N.C., on July 31, 1925. Her parents were Clifton Nash Dixon and Mary Esther Cameron Dixon. A brother, Clifton Nash Dixon, Jr. and a sister, Betty Frances Dixon Vance, are both deceased.

Mary Cameron is survived by her husband, Heyward Cuckon Bellamy, and three children: Dr. Mary Louise Bellamy and husband Dr. Randolph Mitchell Foy of Cary; Heyward Clifton Bellamy and wife Sharon Campbell of Mebane; and George Frank Bellamy and wife Anne McKay Coble of Chapel Hill. She also is survived by three granddaughters: Mary Cameron Bellamy, Eleanor Breeden Bellamy and Jean Dixon Bellamy.

Mary attended the public schools of Wilmington (Tileston, New Hanover High School, Class of 1943). She graduated from East Carolina Teachers College in Greenville, N.C., and completed her master's at the University of North Carolina. She was a Fulbright Scholar and studied in 1965 at the University of Burgos, Spain. She was a National Endowment for the Humanities Scholar in 1977 at the University of Georgia.

Mary taught countless students during her teaching career. She began her teaching career when the College Center was established to help World War II veterans who were taking advantage of the new G.I. Bill. She taught at New Hanover High School and worked with the new Wilmington College, now the University of North Carolina at Wilmington. She moved to the university full time in 1962 and retired with Emeritus status in 1988.

During her retirement years, former students from New Hanover and the university would stop her when they saw her in public places and reminisce about those days.

When she died, Mary lived in her ancestral home, which her mother had lived in previously, and which her family had preserved in the 1940s. She was a strong advocate of preserving Wilmington's historic houses, streets, and buildings. She was instrumental in establishing Residents of Old Wilmington and in establishing the Foreign Language Association of North Carolina. She worked with many foreign language student teachers while at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington.

A memorial service is to be held at the Church of the Good Shepherd, 6th and Queen Streets, at 2:00 pm on Thursday, July 29, 2010. Interment to follow at Oakdale Cemetery. Instead of flowers, the family suggests that donations be made to the Church of the Good Shepherd, or to the language departments at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington or New Hanover High School.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.andrewsmortuary.com](http://www.andrewsmortuary.com)

A Market Street Chapel Service

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